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Next Meeting

With Clarksdale Baptist Church, Clarksdale, Miss., on Tuesday, after the first Sunday, in September, 1915, at 2:30 p.m.

Introductory Sermon	Rev. R. M. Boon
Alternate	Rev. John S. Measles

Miss Addie Sanders, Associational Prest W. M. U. ..... Marks

Minutes of Association.

The Association, at 3:30 P. M., September the 8th 1914, was called to order by the moderator. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Martin Ball of Clarksdale, and L. F. Gregory was elected clerk pro tem.

C. S. Longino and W. S. Sproles being appointed reading clerks, the letters from the churches were read and tabulated with delegates present as follows:

Duncan—Mrs. Van E. Lester and Mrs. W. T. Burroughs.

Tutwiler—J. A. Ousley.

Ebenezer—L. M. Hollowell and Rev. J. A. Lay.

Glendora—Represented by letter.

Lula—Represented by letter.

Lyon—T. S. Shuford.

Clarksdale—Rev. Martin Ball, C. S. Longino, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bright, J. J. Adams and R. L. Burns.

Gunnison—Represented by letter.

Matson—Mrs. W. O. Dodds.

Friendship—J. W. Jeffords, Mrs. Hoskins, Miss Ina Ferguson and W. W. Ferguson.

Friars Point—Represented by letter.

Webb—R. L. Williams, Mesdames J. M. Diess and R. M. Gould.

Rome—Miss Tomie McDaniel, Ernest Howard, S. B. Ferguson and J. W. Brashear.

Oak Ridge—Mrs. J. C. Corley, Miss Alline McCaughn and Frank Corley.

Drew—E. Jasper, Mrs. J. W. Parks, S. W. Sproles.

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Shady Grove—S. I. Guthrie.

Marks—R. M. Boon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanders.

Shelby—L. F. Gregory, W. A. Wilkinson and Mrs. Whitworth.

Bethlahem—J. T. Murphy.

Belen—Mr and Mrs. D. C. Felder and D. H. Garner.

Bethel—W. H. Cagle and T. C. Brown.

Subsequently the following churches had letters read:

Dwiggins---W. A. Taylor.

Sumner—H. A. Ferguson, John House, J. E. Wilson, R. M. Ferguson and J. F. Measells.

Ruths Chapel---S. I. Guthrie and C. F. Newsom.

Tunica---Represented by letter.

After reading of the letters motion was made to effect permanent organization which resulted as follows: Martin Ball, moderator; L. F. Gregory, clerk, and J. A. Ousley, treasurer.

On motion J. J. Adams, S. W. Sproles and T. S. Shuford were appointed a committee on finances.

On motion C. S. Longino and J. W. Brashear were appointed a committee on order of business.

A motion was made to elect a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Houston next May. L. F. Gregory was elected and J. A. Nation as alternate.

The association proceeded to elect delegates to the Baptist State Convention which resulted as follows: Martin Ball, S. W. Sproles J. A. Ousley and R. M. Boon. Convention meets at Oxford in November.

The committee on order of business made the following report:

TUESDAY EVENING.

7:30. Associational sermon by the appointee, Rev. L. F. Gregory.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

8:35-8:45. Devotional Services.
8:45-9:30. Sunday Schools.
9:30-10:15. Hospitals.
10:15-11:00. Colleges.
11:00-12:00. Home Missions.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:00-2:15. Devotional Services.
2:15-2:45. Layman's Movement.
2:45-3:15. Orphanage.
3:15-3:45. Publications.
3:45-4:15. Woman's Work.
4:15-4:45. Ministerial Education.
4-45-5:00. Nominations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30-7:45. Devotional Services.
7:45-8:00. Delta Missions.
8:00-8:45. Foreign Missions.
8:45-9:35. State Missions.

THURSDAY MORNING.

8:30-8:45. Devotional Services.
8:45-9:00. Church Finances.
9:00-9:30. Temperance.
9:30-10:00. Ministerial Relief.
10:00-10:15. Miscellaneous.
10:15-10:30. Adjournment.

Four petionary letters were read from the following churches: Bethel (near Drew,) Sledge, Jonestown and Glendora. On motion they were received into membership.

By consent of the Association the roll of the churches was called for the purpose of correcting the roll delegates.

T. J. Bailey, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and S. G. Cooper, corresponding messenger

from the Deer Creek Association, were present and recognized.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Association convened at 7:30. On motion the report on Temperance was read and considered prior to the sermon. Discussed by T. J. Bailey and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means the moderate use of things good and innocent, and total abstinence in things wrong and hurtful. But in this age very wide range is allowed in discussing it; so wide, indeed, that methods of preventing the sale and use of intoxicants are almost always discussed. In fact, temperance and prohibition are loosely used as interchangable. Without entering into any discussion of the question, your committee would very strongly urge upon every member of every church in this Association the importance of personal total abstinence, even if a love for drink has become great. Can you not for the sake of Christ deny your appetite?

But if men will not desist from drinking through moral suasion, we urge that every member of every church in this body exerts himself and herself to the best of their ability to have the very best laws enacted by our legislature and enforced by the people.

Your committee further expresses its judgment that the weakest link in law-enforcement is the unfaithfulness of officials. Every man here can make himself felt at the polls next year. When men offer themselves as candidates for office, do not vote for them unless you are assured that they will perform their sworn duties.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. SHUFORD.

The sermon before the Association was preached by L. F. Gregory from the text: "But this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." Heb. 10:12. Subject, "Jesus Christ, the Heart of the Sacrifices."

Committee on nominations was appointed, consisting of T. S. Shuford, R. E. Bright, T. C. Brown and D. C. Felder. Association adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 8:35.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order at 8:15 and devotional services conducted by W. R. Cooper.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report was read by S. B. Ferguson. Discussed by S. B. Ferguson, L. F. Gregory, J. J. Adams, R. M. Boon and T. J. Bailey, adopted.

REPORT.

We, your committee on Sunday School Work, would report: First. It is well to define the Sunday School. The Sunday School is the church at work. In other words it is a preparatory work of the church and should be governed by the church. All officers and teachers should be elected in conference by the church.

Again, we should elect the best men and women we have to fill these offices. Our superintendent should be a man of exemplary habits and well versed in the bible, and should always be looking for something to better his school; and the church should pray for him, that the spirit will guide him.

We should never send our children to Sunday School, but should take them, and never allow them to leave until the preaching service is over. As parents, God is demanding that we train them up for service, and we cannot do this unless we first give ourselves a living sacrifice to God and let Christ be exalted and not ourselves. Above all, we should never imagine the Sunday School above the church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. FERGUSON.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

Report was read by S. W. Sproles. Discussed by S. W. Sproles, T. J. Bailey and J. A. Ousley and was adopted.

REPORT.

Mississippi Baptists own and operate a magnificent hospital at Jackson, and in doing so we put ourselves in line to do the greatest work in our history. As this institution is wholly dependent on us for support, it is very necessary that we should have the best information possible that we may do our best for it.

Knowing that the right kind of information is the thing to be desired, your committee begs to submit an article from Rev. Bryan Simmons, superintendent and treasurer of the hospital:

"During the present year we have cared for, in our building

with eight rooms for patients, 340 persons, 100 more than we cared for the previous year. Of the 340 we lost 13 by death.

"Of those treated this year, 232 were received at regular charges. Fifty-nine paid only a part, while we cared for 54 without charge. In the list of patients were six from the Baptist orphanage, ten from the Methodist orphanage and four from the Mississippi Home Finding Society.

"The total amount collected from patients is $7,129.83. The benevolent work done, figured on a conservative basis, amounts to $1,501.95.

"In addition to this, the benevolent work done by physicians and surgeons practicing here, totals $3,358.00, and represents service rendered to 81 patients. Then, of course, they made reductions to many others.

RUNNING EXPENSES.

"Notwithstanding the amount of benevolent work gladly done, it is a pleasure to report that all current expenses have been met, and we have also been enabled to pay some on old accounts. This has been made possible by cash contributions and donations from individuals, and especially form our M. W. U's, and by the practice of rigid economy.

THE NEW BUILDING.

"Work has been resumed on the new building and is progressing rapidly. We hope to celebrate Thanksgiving day in it.

"In order to go ahead with this work, the trustees issued and sold to the Merchants' Bank & Trust Co., Jackson, Miss., $30,000.00 worth of bonds. These bonds bear six per cent interest and are to be redeemed within the next seven years. This money is to be paid out of the subscriptions given to the hospital. The notes falling due before the first day of January, 1915, were reserved, and we are looking to these for funds with which to buy the fixtures and furnishings for the building.

THE RELIGIOUS SIDE.

"Although christian services in connection with hospital work is comparatively new, yet the only reason for the existence of this hospital is to do service in the Master's name. We have sought to do all our work in a christian spirit. Our bibles, tracts and religious papers have been read with pleasure and profit. Public services have been held on Sunday afternoons when practical, and would have been held often if there were a suitable place. Our nurses have daily devotional services, and some of them are proving efficient as personal workers for Christ.

OUR NEEDS.

"Your informed sympathy and prayers.

A prompt payment of all subscriptions as they fall due.

Further subscriptions to cover the dificiencies in those already secured.

The formation of a "Benevolent Circle" for systematic assistance in "helping those who cannot help themselves."

It is hoped that every Association in the state will have a helpful discussion of this phase of the work.

Rejoicing in what we have been enabled to do, and looking forward to enlarged opportunities, I am,

Your humble servant,

BRYAN SIMMONS."

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SPROLES.

Letter from T. M. Street on law violation by carrying concealed weapons etc., was read before the Association and referred to a committee.

Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:00 o'clock and devotional services were conducted by R. M. Boon.

REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

The report was read by J. A. Ousley. Discussed by J. A. Ousley, S. G. Cooper and then adopted.

REPORT.

Briefly we shall notice the forces which go to make up Mississippi College.

Those who have gone before—who have put their time, talents, money and their very lives into the building up of the institution, form a great force that continues to be felt today. But for their faithfulness in its struggling days, the College could not have reached what it is now.

A second force is that of the loyalty of the alumni of the College. The loyalty of not only every graduate of our beloved State Baptist College, but of every student that has attended it, is unsurpassed by that of any other school. In supporting the school by word of commendation and by giving, every graduate constantly shows his love for the College.

Another force is the strong faculty of christian men who train in christian citizenship and leadership, as well as instruct in the studies of the courses. This is a dinstinctive feature of Mississippi

College and the most important in the life equipment of any young man today.

Lastly, we would name that greatest of all forces—the basal force, and the very foundation of the College—the thousands of Baptists, forming the great Baptist Denomination of the State of Mississippi. It is to this mighty force and upon this tower of strength that Mississippi College looks and depends for her existence and continuous growth.

With joy we report the completion of the subscription for the $200,000.00 this year, thereby securing the $100,000.00 for the better equipment and endowment of the College, and the organization of a Self Help Club to give every worthy boy a chance. This was made possible, all will acknowledge, by the working of the mighty forces which go to make up Mississippi College—the pride of all Mississippi Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. OUSLEY.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report on Home Missions was read by Martin Ball and discussed by Martin Ball, H. A. Ferguson, W. R. Cooper, R. M. Boon and T. J. Bailey and adoped as follows:

REPORT.

The last ten years for Southern Baptists have been years of wonderful growth. Especially in giving. In these ten years our growth in giving has been from $133.000.00 to $418,000.00. Less than one per cent of this amount has come from other sources than the churches themselves. Large givers have not been developed. For this cause the board has almost no invested funds. These ten years have been among us a constant campaign for liberal giving, and it has been successful.

Without intention, this campaign has led to the discovery of a very bad condition among our churches. Practically fifty per cent of them are unenlisted in giving to co-operative missionary endeavor. Ten years of teaching has at least partially enlisted twenty-four churches out of each one hundred.

The sustained effort to enlist, while wonderfully successful in immediate results, has at least led us to see that there can not be permanent enlistment without local training and enlargement. This task is so large that it almost staggers faith, but the faith of our Baptist body has been equal to it. The denomination has already the necessary co-operative tools with which to do the work, girded itself for the task and sent into the field a loyal vanguard of trained workers to help in doing the most blessed work ever given to disciples, save only that of snatching souls from the burning, and

of a beauty and worth like unto that—a work of training and releasing the powers of the people of God that they may serve Him well, as well as be saved from sin.

LAST YEAR'S RESULTS.

The results of our Home Mission work in Baptisms and additions in the fiscal year 1912-13 were far larger than similar results of any other American Home Mission Board. But the results of the work of our board in the fiscal year 1913-14 made a 15 per cent increase over 1912-13 in these respects. These results are paralleled by State Mission successes and were attained in part by State Mission participation. Educational and efficiency work results are slower maturing and may not be shown in tabular statement.

But the system of 34 Mountain Mission Schools had their greatest year, with an attendance of 5,215. These schools have turned out more than 3,000 students, now in professions devoted to social welfare, including 363 preachers and missionaries, besides a host of farmers and other useful citizens. In its first year through 12 field workers the Enlistment Department developed 78 pastoral fields, held 149 services in pastorless churches, grouped 100 churches in pastoral fields, built 43 churches and parsonages and raised $75,000 to improve church plants.

The number of baptisms resulting from the labors of the evangelists and missionaries of the board are simply marvelous. It reads like a Pentecostal shower. The entire number of baptisms reaches the phenominal total of 30,861, while the entire additions to the churches from all sources reach the fabulous sum of 56,747. The Great Head of the church must have all the praise for such splendid results.

The apportionment for the present fiscal year is $461,250. Of this amount Mississippi is asked to pay $31,000. It is not a great sum among so many blood-bought saints. Shall this Association measure up to its proportionate share?

WORK TO BE DONE.

At its July meeting, tho State Vice-Presidents participating, the board found grave difficulty in bringing its appropriations within the limit fixed by the apportionment, but did so. It looked out upon great fields ripe unto the harvest and realized that $1,000,000 could be wisely expended. It beheld 22,000,000 people in the South who make no profession of religion—4,000,000 more than the entire population in 1880. It beheld 12,000 unenlisted and untrained Baptist churches, inviting a great program of training and development, both to release vast unused resources and to fortify them against pernicious false faiths. It beheld more than 1,500 houseless Baptist churches, besides hundreds of others crippled from inadequate buildings.

It is necessary that all pastors arrange for and insist on sys-

tematic giving. This would greatly help Home Missions and every other cause. It is an end definitely sought in the work ef the Enlistment Department of the board.

It is the opinion of your committee that it is unwise to decry the value of special collections. Both the New Testament and our Baptist situation justify them. This is not the best method, but it is a system of no mean worth. Training to a better should be patiently and faithfully carried forward. Any system well worked is good. The thing for us to do is to adopt the best plan open to us that does not conflict with New Testament requirements and press it.

There never was a brighter day for Southern Baptists than this. We have men, money and a splendid company of regenerated souls, loving the Lord and willing to enlist in the great work. Shall we go forward and possess the land? We recommend that all subscribe for and read the Home Field.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN BALL, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The report on nominations was read by D. C. Felder and, after being discussed by J. F. Measells, J. A. Ousley and R. E. Bright, was adopted.

REPORT.

We, your committee on nominations, respectfully recommend that the Sunflower Association meet with the Clarksdale church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1915, at 2:30 p.m., and that Brother Boon of Marks preach the Association Sermon, with Bro. Measells as alternate.

We further recommend that Mrs. Addie Sanders of Marks be appointed vice-president of the W. M. U. of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. FELDER, Chairman.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The report on Orphanage was read by R. M. Boon. It was discussed by Martin Ball and a collection taken, after which it was adopted.

REPORT.

Mississippi Baptists may reasonably rejoice in the work of the splendid home they have, in Jackson, for caring for the orphan children of the state. This institution is growing and its facilities for caring for these little ones is being enlarged year by year. With these growing advantages we must bear in mind that the demands are growing. The number of inmates is on the increase, and we

know not how many hundreds of orphans could be homed if the churches would furnish the money. These children cry unto us for help. Shall we heed their cry. Remember when we give to the "least of these little ones," we do it unto Christ. May the spirit of the Lord be upon all the churches and constrain them to give liberally and regularly to this work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Boon.

Report on Ministerial Education.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by S. G. Cooper, was discussed by him, and adopted.

THE REPORT.

The time has been in the past when the importance of ministerial education was not properly appreciated. But in this day of progress, among all professions and callings, its necessity is unquestioned. It is to be earnestly desired that the time will never come when we may lose sight of the fact of prime importance, that it is God who must first call men into the ministry, after which the great necessity of the God-called man being as thuroughly prepared as possible for the great work whereunto God has called him.

For this preparation your committee will call attention to but two things: First, a literary or college training. We have splendid facilities in our own Mississippi College, where the young preacher may be stimulated by coming in contact with a faculty of earnest, godly men, and studying and living side-by-side with students for various professions and callings. There is a special board to help those who need help, by collecting and disbursing the money to help those who need it. This fund for helping is to be given by our various churches. At last report known to your committee, this fund was $2,000 or $3,000 in debt. It seems in the providence of God that most of the young men called into the ministry are poor in this world's goods; and, while any young man with energy and grit will eventually get his college training, yet, by a little help, may complete his course in half, or in less than half, the time, and thus enabled to get what other training and thus the sooner he will get to his active world. After the young preacher gets a literary education he needs theological training. Of course, by a long system of study, he may become pretty well versed in theology. But in two or three years, under expert teachers, he can get such an insight in this important branch as would take many years of study, and then not get it so clearly.

Mississippi is blessed in her seminary work. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, a native-born Mississippian, presides over our Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Dr. J. B. Gambell, another product of Missis-

sippi, is one of the teachers in the Southern Baptist Seminary, located at Fort Worth, Texas. Either of these schools of the prophets affords splendid opportunites. Let us see that they have the means of being prepared by contributing liberally to their support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. COOPER,

ROBT. SANDERS.

REPORT ON FINANCES.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, J. J. Adams, read the report, which was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Association.

REPORT.

We, your committee on Finances, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: We have received for minutes and salary of clerk of the Association the sum of $59.25, as per the following churches, to-wit:

Duncan	$ 2.75
Drew	5.00
Shelby	3.00
Ebenezer	1.00
Belen	2.20
Webb	3.00
Dwiggins	1.75
Ruth's Chapel	1.00
Clarksdale	5.00
Bethel	3.05
Shady Grove	2.00
Bethlahem	3.00
Rome	5.00
Oak Ridge	10.00
Friendship	2.00
Lyon	5.00
Marks	3.50
Friars Point	1.50
Total	$59.75

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ADAMS.

The chairmen of the standing committees were announced by the Modertor, and can be found on another page.

On motion, the order of business was so changed

as to bring the report on publications in the place of the report of the Orphanage.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The report was read by W. R. Cooper. It was discussed by W. R. Cooper, R. M. Boon, L. F. Gregory and J. A. Ousley, and adopted.

REPORT.

This subject has heroically striven for the place it deserves for a long time, and that among the first reports of the denomination. It is one of the basic principles of the commission—"teach them." It is informational, instructional, educational; it is character-building. Wherever it goes, we see the trail of civilization, the marks of intelligence. It is a beacon light to its neighbors; it is a nation's rainbow; it is a christianizing agency; it is one of the divine methods of prophecying the kingdom of God.

We therefore recommend first of all that the Bible be read; second, the religious periodicals—Baptist Record, Home Field, Foreign Journal, Orphan Gem—be taken and read.

Brother Gregory has written a text on some vital questions, and we believe that the Association should purchase a thousand of these for free distribution to our churches; and to this end we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. COOPER.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The report was read by Mrs. Robt. Sanders, and was discussed by W. R. Cooper, Martin Ball, J. A. Ousley, R. M. Boon, and adopted.

REPORT.

A quarter of a century lies behind our W. M. U., which was organized in the year 1888 at Richmond, Va. The close of the 25th year marked the high tide of our gifts. With strong, enthusiastic determination it was resolved to give through the 12,098 societies which are scattered over the 18 southern states, in 1913-14, in addition to the regular work of the Union, $391,336.80.

As surely as the most delicate tendrils contribute to the fullest development and fruitage of the vine, so do the individual members of the 12,000 societies which make up the Woman's Missionary Union, auxilliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, make possible the growth of the general organization. The work of each Union hus formed is placed in the hands of the State Central committee,

with headquarters in the Capital National Bank building, Jackson, Miss. Mrs. W. A. McComb, president, and Miss M. M. Lockey, corresponding secretary. Miss Bettie Shuford, Lyon, Miss., is the vice-president of the Sunflower Association. Each society in the Association should co-operate in all our work, and should send a quarterly report to Miss Shuford as well as to Mrs. Lockey. These officers will do all in their power to serve the societies by advice. The mission leaflets and the annual reports will keep them constantly in close and helpful touch with their work.

This work is done through the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and through their state central committees. The apportionment is made, and the vice-presidents of the Association should let each society know its individual apportionment. Now if these societies in the Sunflower Association could all agree through the vice-president to work each quarter for the same object, there might be a greater interest manifested in our gifts. It should be the rule of each society that has joined the W. M. U. to make quarterly gifts, if only of the quarterly dues, which are usually 10 cents per month, to one of the objects which is kept up by the W. M. U., and which are noted on each blank report sent out by the state corresponding secretary.

To stimulate and make possible the unity of thought and effort through which alone such could be carried on, the Union publishes its own magazine, which is called "Our Mission Field." This magazine will be changed to a monthly called "In Royal Service."

There should be some effort made to pay the vice-president something to defray her expenses, if she is expected to visit or to correspond with each missionary society in the Association during the associational year. We must help our vice-presidents in some way. In addition to our prayers and co-operation, let us help them to organize the girls into Y. W. A's and the boys into Royal Embassadors.

ADDIE SANDERS.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The report was read by R. M. Boon, discussed by him, and adopted.

REPORT.

The efforts of our denomination to care for our aged and worn-out ministers should appeal to every sincere christian and elicit ample contributions for the support of this work. Arguments ought not to be necessary. The fact that they are in need; that they have served the churches, should be sufficient. They are our worthy brethren and we should take care of them in their last days.

The minutes of our last state convention show there were 16 of these veterans of the cross, at an average cost of $8.00 per month.

We have no late data as to the number now or the amount needed, but we are certain the number is no less, and the need for funds may be greater.

We would recommend that collections be taken for this special work in all the churches during the year, and that we pray for these dear old brethren that they may pass out to their blessed reward amidst the sweet tokens of sympathy and appreciation of their brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BOON.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The report was read by J. F. Measells, discussed by W. R. Cooper, and adopted.

REPORT.

State missions is of supreme importance. Our first duty is to preach the gospel throughout every Association in the state of Mississippi. From one end of the state to the other pastorless churches and churchless committees send out the distress call. State missions is our answer to this appeal for help.

There is no small task confronting us in the state mission work this year. Our secretary informs us that we are assisting this year over 200 churches in paying their pastors; helping 50 churches to build; keeping three Sunday School men in the field, and employing three enlisment missionaries, who are giving all their time to the building up of waste places and deserted country fields. When we consider the fact that this is more than we have ever done in one year, and when we take into consideration the depressed condition of business throughout the state and nation, caused by the present war in Europe, we are forced to realize that we are approaching a crisis in the great work of state missions. Shall the magnitude of our task stagger us? God forbid that it should do otherwise than stimulate the mighty hosts of Baptists in Mississippi to rally as never before about state mission forces from now until the convention meets at Oxford.

Surely God has stationed each of us as a sentinel at his post. He expects every true Baptist to do his very best in the present campaign. Let us regret that we have done so little in the past and, remembering God's goodness, make a determined, co-operative effort to the greatest victory in the history of state mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MEASELLS.

The committee on the Street letter brought in its report and it was adopted. It was ordered that Mr.

Street be furnished with a copy of the report of the committee. The report was as follows:

Resolutions of committee on suggested evil of carrying concealed fire arms and the sale of ammunitiom.

1st. That our statutory provisions relative to the carrying of concealed weapons be construed to prevent them being carried by anyone, except officers of the law; and that any violation thereof be made a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for from one to three years.

2nd. That all who are licensed to sell pistol cartridges be required to keep a record of each sale, giving name, age, address and occupation of the purchaser, and the date of sale; and that this record be subject to public inspection during business hours.

3rd. No dealer shall sell pistols or pistol ammunition to minors.

4th. No dealer shall display in his show cases or windows any pistol or pistol ammunition.

The following resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Sunflower Association, hereby express our appreciation of the loyal and kind treatment extended by the brothers and sisters of Rome in entertaining us during our session of 1914.

RESOLVED, By the Sunflower Association, that the clerk is hereby authorized to have printed and distributed 500 copies of the minutes of this meeting; and that the said clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services and authorized to draw on the treasurer for the same.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on foreign missions was read by L. F. Gregory, discussed by R. M. Boon and W. R. Cooper, and was then adopted, as follows, to-wit:

During the last conventional year of the Southern Baptist Convention the work done was very gratifying. The reports show an increase over the preceding year as follows: Churches, 380, with a membership of 29,991; Sunday Schools, 22,022. Of these churches, 247 have houses of worship. Missionaries numbering 278, with 636 native missionaries and helpers. There were baptisms to the number of 5,252. There are 339 schools, including day-boarding, (both boy and girl) Colleges, Women's Training and Theological Traning Schools, with 9,367 students, all told. There are 8 hospitals and 13 dispensaries. In these hospitals and dispensaries 140,168 patients were treated last year.

For doing the work above mentioned, there were raised during the last conventional year $587,458.97. Of this amount Mississippi

gave $33,634.44. This sum includes all raised directly through the churches, Sunday Schools and the Women's Missionary Unions. By referring to the letters from the churches we find that our Association gave $832.82. We were asked to give $1,200.00. This year we gave $520.90. We ought this year to try to do better.

In addition to our regular mission contributions, an effort is being made to raise the $1,250,000,00 Judson Centennial Fund, which we recommend to the consideration of our churches. Something like half the amount has been pledged, and it is very much desired that the other will be pledged before the next meeting of the convention.

By using the aid furnished by the Foreign Mission Board, such as its representatives, mission tracts, text books, maps and Foreign Mission Journal, it is possible to enlist and enlighten our churches so as to further the cause of missions in our Association. We therefore urge our pastors to continue to enlist and enlighten the churches by preaching on missions, distributing mission tracts and placing the Foreign Mission Journal in every home possible.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. GREGORY.

On motion, Martin Ball was elected associational representative of Home Missions in the Sunflower Association, and L. F. Gregory of Foreign Missions.

On motion, a committee on Constitutional revision was appointed, consisting of R. M. Boon, R. L. Burns and R. Sanders.

Motion was made and adopted to dispense with the reading of the minutes and leave their correction to the clerk.

The Association adjourned by motion to meet with the Clarksdale Baptist church, on Tuesday, following the first Sunday in September, 1915. After singing "God Be with You 'till We Meet Again," and shaking hands, the session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

L. F. GREGORY, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Presidents W. M. U. and Superintendents.

CHURCHES	Pastor and Postoffice.	Clerk and Postoffice.	Presidents W. M. U. and Postoffice.	S. S. Superintendent and Postoffice.
Belen	R M Boon ... Marks	J H Rowe ... Belen	Maude Johnson ... Belen	J H Rowe ... Belen
Bethlahem	J A Nation ... Whitney	U D Hughs ... Whitney		J D Walton ... Drew
Coahoma				
Clarksdale	Martin Ball ... Clarksdale	W V Jenkins ... Clarksdale	Mrs J T Mangrum ... Clarksdale	J M Brooks ... Clarksdale
Drew	S W Sproles ... Drew	J W Miller ... Drew	" S W Sproles ... Drew	A L Manning ... Drew
Dwiggins	do	W A Taylor ... Merigold		W A Taylor ... Merigold
Duncan		V E Lester ... Duncan	" J S Smith ... Duncan	N S Toler ... Duncan
Sumner	J A Ousley ... Tutwiler	A L White ... Sumner	" F L Hall ... Sumner	J A May ... Sumner
Ebenezer	J F Measells ... Sumner	B M Posey ... Sumner		J A Lay ... Sumner
Friendship	J A Lay ... Sumner	J N Jeffords ... Sumner		R C Martindale ... Sumner
Gunnison	L B Ferguson ... Rome		" Cochran ... Gunnison	W W Brashear ... Gunnison
Marks	W P King ... Gunnison		" R M Boon ... Marks	D O Bremton ... Marks
Matson	R M Soon ... Marks	J M Causey ... Marks	Miss O W Dodd ... Dublin	
Lula	R D Maum ... Friars Point	O W Dodd ... Dublin		B L Whittington ... Lula
Lyon	D H S Cox ... Ruleville	W E Barbee ... Lula	Mrs J T Jenkins ... Lyon	T S Shufo d ... Lyon
Oak Ridge	S W Allen ... Shaw	C G Bobo ... Lyon	" S M Smith ... Clarksdale	J C Corley ... Farrell
Rome	S G Cooper ... Belzoni	J M Baber ... Farrell	" S B Ferguson ... Drew	J W Bradsher ... Rome
Shelby	S B Ferguson ... Rome	J W Brashear ... Rome	" L F Gregory ... Shelby	W E Rober-on ... Shelby
Shady Grove	L F Gregory ... Shelby	T D Howell ... Shelby		
Tutwiler	L I Guthrie ... Dundee	Chas Garrett ... Holly		
Webb	J A Ousley ... Tutwiler	D W Fite ... Tutwiler		R F Williams ... Webb
Dundee	J A White ... Webb	E A Copeland ... Webb		
Lambert				R S Rowland ... Lambert
New Hope	R D Maum ... Friars Point	W W Brewer ... Lambert		
Glendora				
Bethel	J P White ... Webb	Mrs L R Dubard ... Glendora	Miss L R Dubard ... Glendora	
Friars Point	J A Nation ... Ruleville	J H Chism ... Ruleville		
Ruth's Chapel	R D Maum ... Friars Point	Dr J J Slack ... Friars Point	Mrs I S Aderholt ... Friars Point	Dr J J Slack ... Friars Point
Tunica	S J Guthrie ... Dundee	A L Teubet ... Darling		W D Barton ... Dowling
Jonestown	J A Ousley ... Tutwiler	L O Mitchell ... Tunica		
Sledge	R M Boon ... Marks	R E Longino ... Jonestown		
	do	S F Stone ... Sledge		

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Monies Expended by Chruches in the Association.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISS	HOME MISS	ORPHANAGE	MINIS RELIEF	COLLEGES SCHOOLS	MINISTED	PASTORS SALARY	VISTNG MIN	S S EXPNS	BUILDING REPAIRS	INCIDNTALS	OTHER EX	MINUTS & CLK	POOR	TOTAL
Belen	$22 55	$55 00	$52 50	$10 00				$ 700 00	$62 50	$20 00	$ 75 09	15 00	$30 00	2 20		$1042 25
Duncan		5 10	5 00	20 00				250 00	128 50		975 00	86 00	109 35	1 50	$25 00	1603 85
Black Bayou														3 00		3 00
Bethlahem										148 94	419 60	171 00	15 00	5 00		2490 15
Clarksdale	85 50	61 60	85 50	22 00	$10 00	$ 35 00	$40 00	1200 00	130 00			24 00	46 75	5 00		850 75
Drew	83 00	86 00	71 00				10 00	500 00	30 00					1 75		434 66
Dwiggins	37 00	26 00	20 00	40 00			10 00	228 60	34 00	27 56						
Sumner	151 00	79 68	79 00	120 00		125 00		1200 00	195 90	17 00	284 00	198 54	233 18		30 00	2703 30
Ebenezer	5 00									1 20				1 00		7 20
Friars Point		14 25	14 25					300 00		24 00	200 00	38 00		1 50		590 50
Friendship	10 00	18 85	18 00	30 00		41 00		65 00	35 00	7 30	82 40	18 00	22 00	2 00	32 50	418 05
Gunnison		25 00	22 95	10 00				400 00		6 05	180 00	46 00	11 25	1 25		704 15
Marks	42 70	56 46	57 05	130 00				800 00		13 69	5528 87	19 50	750 00	3 50		7378 27
Matson	5 00	10 00	10 00	50 00				84 60	11 00		25 00					795 50
Lula		25 50	22 50	40 00				250 00	63 00		17 40	45 00	5 00			468 40
Lyon	125 00	129 50	137 50	75 00	42 50	1200 00	32 50	600 00		36 00	130 00	40 00	350 00	5 00		1740 00
Oak Ridge	141 00	188 60	152 50	60 00		6 40		350 00	40 00	30 00			7 85	10 00		986 35
Rome	20 00	20 35	20 00	45 85					73 25	28 80	2500 00	11 40		5 00	35 00	2754 65
Ruth's Chapel								50 00	18 50	3 00	500 00			1 00		571 50
Shelby	31 25	41 25	28 22	77 00	9 80		13 90	600 00	63 00	20 00	800 00	60 00	3 00	3 00		1751 02
Shady Grove								51 98					4 46	2 00		58 38
Tutwiler		5 00		9 00				255 25	128 00			31 00	7 50	1 50	3 81	438 56
Webb		5 75						300 00	70 00	20 00		4 00		2 00		984 75
Glendora	33 25							103 50			24 25	198 90				359 99
Bethel			25 25					29 50	56 35	12 00			18 00	3 05		123 40
Tunica						200 00		72 50				14 00	5 00	1 50		234 50
Lambert	10 00							78 50	88 92	17 66	131 00			2 50		331 08
TOTAL	702 25	853 79	827 42	738 85	62 30	1607 40	106 40	7320 08	113792	433 14	11735 52	104993	162418	65 25	130 68	27748 51

STATISTISTICAL—Value Churches and Pastors' Homes—Membership Statement. Etc.

CHURCHES	Value Church	Value Past'rs Home	Memb. Last Year	Increase			Decrease			Present Membr ship	S. S. T'ch'rs and Off	S. S. Schl'rs	Kind Litert'r	S. S. Bapt'm
				Letter	Bapt'm	Rest'rd	Letter	Death	Dism'd					
Birdie	$ 3000		44	4	2		4	1		27 45	5	55	S.B.C.	
Belen										39 49				
Black Bayou			47	2						45	4	90	do	
Bethlahem				3	28					16				
Bethel														
Coahoma	5000	$ 6000	117	20	19		8			146	7	141	do	11
Clarksdale	1800	2500	97	22	2		2	1	16	107	6	75	do	
Drew			25	1						25	2	12	do	
Dwiggins	300		10		8					18	12	34	do	6
Duncan	500		20	3			6			17	3	27	do	
Ebenezer	1800	1000	23	2						25	3	29	do	
Friar's Point	1500		53	6	7				1	65	4	68	do	
Friendship			10	7						17		U.S.S.		
Glendora	2000	1000	29				7			22	4	28	do	
Gunnison	1500		36	7	7		1			50	4	80	do	
Lambert	2000		27	2						29	3	15	do	
Lula	3000		50	1						51	4	35	do	
Lyon	5000		54	17	2		9			64	6	115	do	2
Marks							2			12				
Matson	2500		44	6						50	4	38	do	
Oak Ridge										18				
Rich	3000		48	18	10		6		2	60	4	65	do	
Rome	1000		32	2	7	1		1		40	3	50	do	
Ruth's Chapel			33		6		6		5	29				
Shady Grove	2000		80	8	1		1			88	8	60	do	1
Shelby	2500	1900	107	24	4		6	2		129	9	100	do	2
Sumner	3000		18	3	3					21		U.S.S.		
Tunica	300		15	7	2					25		U.S.S.		
Tutwiler	4000		46	6						54	4	51	do	2
Webb										9				
Jonestown					1					9				
Sledge														

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STATISTICAL TABLE—Women's Missionary Union.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	ORPHANAGE	INCIDENTALS	BUILDING & REPRS	MINIST'L RELIEF	PASTOR'S SALARY	POOR	OTHER OBJECTS	MINIST'L ED	TOTAL
Duncan				$ 20 00	$ 10 00				$25 00	$ 95 00		$140 00
Clarksdale	$ 5 00	$ 5 75		10 00	75 00	$ 20 00			19 25		$ 4 00	175 00
Drew	10 00	11 45	$ 11 45							46 75		89 65
Friars Point						200 00						200 00
Friendship												82 00
Glendora					198 99	24 25						223 25
Gunnison				10 00								10 00
Lambert						25 00						25 00
Lyon	6 00	12 00	12 50	6 00			$ 4 00				6 00	45 50
Marks	2 35		5 75	85 00		508 78						691 97
Matson	5 00	10 00	10 05	50 00		25 00		2 75				205 00
Shelby	3 00	5 00	18 00	66 00		185 87						267 92
Sumner				60 00						229 50		289 50
TOTAL	$ 31 35	$ 44 20	$ 57 75	$299 00	$283 99	$809 49	$ 4 00	2 75	$ 44 25	$371 25	$ 10 00	$2443 89

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